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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, the following remarks are made.

REMARKSAbstract:

As indicated in the prior response dated August 9, 2002, this specification came to the USPTO via a PCT filing. The abstract filed with the PCT that appears on the front page of the PCT publication WO 00/07074 is on separate page 14 of the substitute specification in accordance with 37 CFR §1.52 (b)(4). Per discussion with the Examiner Ferguson on February 5, 2003, pages 13 and 14 of the substitute specification are being resent as they were missing from the Examiner's file. They are enclosed herewith.

35 USC § 103(a):

Claims 1-4 are rejected as being unpatentable over JP 04102883 (JP'883) in view of Satoji (U.S. 4,687,696). JP'883 discloses a separating pawl for a copying machine, being formed by compression-molding and sintering a separating pawl of a